



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex development disability that typically appears during the first three years of life, is far more prevalent in boys than girls and knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Autism effects the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, more cases of Autism have been reported in the last three years than in the previous seven; and

WHEREAS, Autism has wide ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual, and early diagnosis research, training, education and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of Autism; and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made in the last 30 years in the areas of research, medicine, diagnostic issues and therapies for Autism, resulting in an improved quality of life for individuals living with Autism and for their families; and

WHEREAS, our work is not done, we still need to educate the public about Autism, especially teachers, parents, and doctors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2002 to be

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE